

**Rowe School Committee
Meeting Minutes
February, 12, 2008**

1. Call To Order:

Maggie Rice called the meeting to order at 6:37pm.

2. Audience of Citizens:

Michael Buoniconti, Lisa Danek Burke, Maggie Rice, Rebecca Richardson, Bob Clancy, Russell Dupre and Myra Carlow were present. Laurie Laffond arrived late.

4. Approval of Minutes:

A motion was made by Lisa Danek Burke and seconded by Rebecca Richardson to accept the January 14, 2008 Joint Meeting between Rowe School Committee, Finance Committee, and Selectboard with the one change that the principal was in attendance. A motion was made by Lisa Danek Burke and seconded by Rebecca Richardson to accept the January 8, 2008 meeting minutes as read. Unanimous yes vote.

5. Executive Session:

A motion was made by Lisa Danek Burke and seconded by Rebecca Richardson to go into executive session for the purpose of discussing strategy with respect to collective bargaining and will come out of Executive Session to continue regular session meeting. Unanimous yes vote. Roll call vote Lisa Danek Burke – yes, Maggie Rice – yes, and Rebecca Richardson – yes. Russell Dupre and Myra Carlow were invited into the meeting. Out of regular session at 6:41pm. Back into regular session at 7:21pm.

6. Correspondence:

- A. January 18, 2008, letter from Superintendent Michael A. Buoniconti to Dr. Mitchell Dan Chester, Commissioner of Education, re: The Rowe Elementary School District K-6 Committee vote to continue as a School of Choice District for the 2008-2009 school year. (See Appendix A).
- B. Dated January 25, 2008 letter from Madison Baker to the Rowe School Committee re: Thank you for the ski program. (See Appendix B)

7. Unfinished Business:

- A. Outdoor Classroom – Vaughn Tower has been in contact with Don Williams but the weather has delayed the progress. Final connection may come through.
- B. Security Systems – Bob Clancy has submitted the paperwork to MIIA. Received two quotes one from Detecto Guard in Greenfield and one from Citizens Security in Ludlow.

8. Report of the Chairperson:

Superintendency Union Update – Maggie Rice was not able to make the meeting. The next meeting will be on Wednesday, February 20th.

9. Report of the Superintendent:

- A. District Educational Goals - A motion was made by Lisa Danek Burke and seconded by Rebecca Richardson to accept the Rowe School District - District Educational Goals as presented on page two that starts with Rowe School District. Unanimous yes vote. (See Appendix C)
- B. Three District Share Expense Agreement - A motion was made by Rebecca Richardson and seconded by Lisa Dane Burke to vote to approve the draft of the Three District Shared Expense Agreement as presented. Unanimous yes vote. (See Appendix D)
- C. School Choice Marketing – It was decided to hold off for one year on the marketing.

10. Financial Information:

- A. FY09 Local Aid Estimates and Assessments (Governor's Budget – House 2) (See Appendix E)

11. Report of the Principal:

- A. Principal Report – As read (See Appendix F) -
- B. Calendar of Events
- C. LEC Meeting – The LEC suggested a reinstatement of a position at Mohawk the request was either a tech or other position but at the suggestion of the High School principal they were hoping a special article would come back at Town Meeting.
Superintendent Michael Buoniconti discussed voc-tech programs at Mohawk which Rowe students would later be able to use.

12. Action Items:

- A. Vote to adopt the FY09 Budget –A motion was made by Rebecca Richardson and seconded by Lisa Danek Burke to vote to adopt the FY09 Budget as presented. Unanimous yes vote. (See Appendix G).
- B. Vote to approve Draft Three –District Shared Expense Agreement – See Report of the Superintendent Item B.
- C. GDCA Support Staff Sick Bank Policy – 2nd Read and Adoption - A motion was made by Lisa Danek Burke and seconded by Rebecca Richardson to accept the Rowe School Support Staff Sick bank Policy as read with a second reading date of February 12, 2008. Unanimous yes vote. (See Appendix H).
- D. Vote to adopt the District Educational Goals as the Rowe School District Goals. - See Report of the Superintendent Item A.
- E. Vote to authorize the District to spend funds for development and implementations of a school choice marketing campaign this spring. – See Report of the Superintendent Item C.

13. Subcommittee Reports:

- A. Policy Subcommittee – None
- B. Transportation Subcommittee – (See Appendix I)
- C. Negotiations Subcommittee – See Executive Session above.

14. Handouts:

- A. January 15, 2008 Patrick-Murray budget Press Release – (See Appendix J).

15. Adjournment:

- A. A motion was made by Rebecca Richardson seconded by Lisa Danek Burke to adjourn the meeting at 7:52pm. Unanimous yes vote.

Respectfully submitted,
Laurie Laffond

Approved:

Margaret Rice, Chairman

Lisa Danek Burke

Rebecca Richardson